

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-2, 4, 6-10, 12, 16, and 21-24 are subject to a restriction/election requirement. Claims 9-12, 16, and 21-24 have been cancelled without prejudice and new Claims 25-36 have been added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-8 and 25-36 are now pending in the present application, with Claims 3 and 5 being withdrawn from consideration.

The Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-2, 4, and 6-8) with traverse. Claims 1-2, 4, and 6-8 and new Claims 25-36 are part of Group I as being directed to methods of manufacturing or producing integrated circuits.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

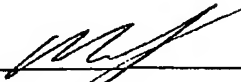
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.



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